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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Rajnikant B. Patel

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-243 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 24-74, 98-154, 173-186 and 189-239 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23, 75-97, 155-172, 187, 188 and 240-243 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/05 AND 1/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

1. In response to the Election/Restriction dated October 23, 2006, Applicant elects Species I that includes FIGs. 1A, 5A-B, and 17A for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-2, 7-8, 10-12, 15, 16, 19, 22-23, 40-46, 49, 51, 75-76, 81-86, 89-91, 93, 95-97, 114-120, 123, 125, 155-174, 177, 180, 181, 184, 187-188, 195-197, 219-221, and 237-243 read upon FIGs. 1A, 5A-B, and 17A. After reviewing above election examiner found some discrepancy in electing claims examiner arranged telephone interview with applicant on January 12, 2007 and discussed over lapping subject matters. In telephone interview examiner suggested following group of claims for election,

Claims 1-23, 75-97, 155-172, 187-188 and 240-243 and reconfirm it with Mr. Justin Pursel on February 20 2007 and agreement was done on phone to proceed with suggested group of claims. Accordingly, claims 24-74, 98-154, 173-186 and 189-239 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1,3-23,75, 77-97,187-188 and 240-243 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,853,568) in combination with Riggio et al. (U.S. patent # 6,493,242).

Li et al. disclose the claimed subject matters a coupled inductor for converting energy from a source of input to an output (figure 1-8), including a at least two conduction switches (figure 1, item 112 and 115), at least two inductor (figure 1, item 114 and 117), at least two freewheeling switches (figure 1, item 113 and 116), a drive circuit (column 2, line 25-30), a synchronous rectifier (column 2, line 30-35), series structure and turn ratio (column 2, line 45-50), However Li et al. does not disclose the utilization of the technique for a drive circuit has a duty cycle approximately 50%, the drive signals synchronous to clock signals, a fly back topology, a boost topology, a voltage ratio. Riggio et al. teaches the utilization of the similar technique a drive circuit has a duty cycle approximately 50%, the drive signals synchronous to clock signals (column 6, line 20-50), a fly back topology (column 11, line 35-50), a boost topology (column 7, line 25-40), a voltage ratio (column 22, line 15-35. It would have been obvious one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Li et al.'s voltage regulator by utilizing the technique taught by Riggio et al. for the purpose of increase the efficiency of the voltage regulator circuit.

Claims 2, 76 and 155-172 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,853,568) in combination with Riggio et al. (U.S. patent #

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6,493,242) and further in combination with Wittenbreder (U.S. Patent # 6,822,427) and A.F. Podell (U.S. Patent # 3,529,233).

Li et al. in combination with Riggio et al. disclose the claimed subject matters as explained in the claims 1,75 and 155 above, except the utilization of the technique for the coefficient of coupling is approximately at least, 0.99 boost and fly back topology, and a lattice network. Wittenbreder teaches the utilization of the similar technique for the coefficient of coupling is approximately at least, 0.99, boost and fly back topology (column 27, line 30-50 and column 28, line 10-25) and A.F. Podell teaches the utilization of the technique for a lattice network (column 1, line 55-70). It would have been obvious one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention made to modify Li et al. in combination with Riggio et al.'s regulating circuit by utilizing the technique taught by Wittenbreder and A. F. Podell for the purpose providing a balanced input and one pole phase shifting.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rajnikant B. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-2082. The examiner can normally be reached on 6.30-5.00; m-f.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Karl Easthom can be reached on 571-272-1989. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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